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Whereas, Clause (c) of sub-section (1) of Section 4 of Goa, Daman and Diu Marine Fishing Regulation Act, 1980 (Act 3 of 1981) provides that Government by an order notified in the Official Gazette, regulate, restrict or prohibit the catching in any specified area of such species of fish and for such period as may be specified in the notification;

And Whereas, the Government of Goa have declared the "specified area" vide Government Notification No. 2-1-81-FSH (V) dated 04-09-2001, of Department of Fisheries published in the Official Gazette, Series I No. 24 dated 13-09-2001.

And Whereas, sub-section (2) of Section 4 thereof provides that while making an order under sub-section (1) the Government shall have regard to the matters such as the need to protect the interest of different sections of persons engaged in fishing, particularly those engaged in fishing using traditional fishing crafts such as catamaran, country craft or a canoe, the need to conserve fish and to regulate fishing on a scientific basis, the need to maintain law and order in the sea;

And Whereas, it has come to the notice of the Government that a large quantity of low value (non-target), smaller size fishes (juveniles) are caught by mechanized fishing vessels, and are found killed and discarded in varying proportions. The juveniles of various species of fishes are caught before they attain maturity and this severely affects the fish population. Along with juvenile fishes, other non-edible biota, which are vital to the existence of marine eco-system are caught extra in a fishing operation.

And whereas, the Government has considered the matter of serious concern and this current practice will affect the juvenile population and in the long run may bring about a disaster in the fishing industry making it unsustainable and uneconomical and has decided to prohibit catching of the different species of juvenile fishes in the above specified area.

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by Clause (c) of sub-section (1) read with sub-section (2) of Section 4 of the Goa, Daman and Diu Marine Fishing Regulation Act, 1980 (Act 3 of 1981) the Government of Goa hereby prohibits catching of the following species of juvenile fishes having less than the size noted against their names in the area specified in the Schedule hereunder from the date of publication of this Order.

SCHEDULE

Sr. No.	Species Name	Common Name	Local Name	MLS (cm)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
1.	<i>Sardinella longiceps</i>	Indian oil sardine	Tarlo (ताल्लो)	10TL
2.	<i>Rastrelliger kanagurta</i>	Indian mackerel	Bangdo (बांगडो)	14TL
3.	<i>Trichiurus Lepturus</i>	Ribbon fish	Balle (बाल्लो)	46TL
4.	<i>Scomberomorus commerson</i>	King seer	Wiswan (विस्वण)	50FL
5.	<i>Stolephorus indicus</i>	Indian anchovy	Motiyale (मोतयाळो)	7.0TL
6.	<i>Parastromateus niger</i>	Black pomfret	Somngul (सुरंगुली)	17TL
7.	<i>Euthynnus affinis</i>	Little tuna	Bokdo (बुगडो)	31FL
8.	<i>Sillago sihama</i>	Silver sillago	Mudoshi (मुदोशी)	11.3TL
9.	<i>Escualosa thoracata</i>	White sardine	Velli (वेल्लो)	8.9TL
10.	<i>Nemipterus japonicus</i>	Threadfin bream (yellow)	Rano (रणो)	12TL
11.	<i>Lactarius lactarius</i>	White fish	Sondhalo (सवनाळो)	10TL
12.	<i>Cynoglossus macrostomus</i>	Sole fish	Lepo (लेप)	9TL
13.	<i>Pampus argenteus</i>	Silver pomfret	Paplet (पापलेट)	13TL
14.	<i>Epinephelus diacanthus</i>	Grouper	Gobro (गोबरो)	18TL
15.	<i>Johnius spp.</i>	Sciaenid	Dhodiaro (दोडयारो)	15TL
16.	<i>Otolithes spp.</i>	Croaker	Dhodiaro (दोडयारो)	17TL
17.	<i>Uroteuthis photololigo duvauceli</i>	Indian Squid	Manki (माणकौ)	8DML
18.	<i>Portunus Sanguinolentus</i>	Spotted crab	Kulli (कुल्ली)	7CW
19.	<i>Parapenaeopsis stylifera</i>	Kiddi prawn	Sungat (सुंगट)	7TL
20.	<i>Metapenaeus affinis</i>	Jinga prawn	Sungat (झिंगा शिम्प)	9TL

Abbreviations:- TL-Total Length, FL-Fork Length, DML- Dorsal Mantle Length, CW-Carapace Width of crabs, MLS-Minimum Legal Size.

Consider the catch as violation if more than 50% of the catch sample is composed of fishes at or below the prescribed MLS.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Goa.

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